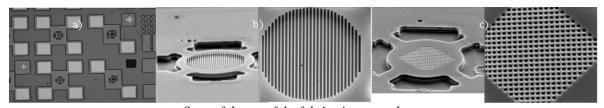
New class of optical devices based on association of Photonic Crystals and vertical stack: towards "2.5D" Micro-Nano-Photonics

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We present a new class of optical devices based on association of a planar Photonic Crystal (PC) and a vertical structuring which can be a MOEMS structure or a solid Bragg mirror. The goal of this new approach is to exploit the vertical patterning to mold the diffractive coupling between guided and radiated modes which occurs in the PC [1]. With this concept, a wide choice of tuneable passive and active optical devices such as very low threshold (high Q-factor) directive μ-lasers or high selective filters can be achieved. First demonstrators are now under process/characterisation.



State of the art of the fabrication procedure:
a) microchips

b) 1D suspended PC on a MOEMS structure
 c) 2D suspended PC (square lattice) on a MOEMS structure

[1] X. Letartre et al., J. of Lightwave Technol., 21 (7), 1691-1699 (2003).